(c) The following specific measures are being taken to contain malaria in the country:—

1. Residual insecticidal spray in areas where Annual Parasite Incidence is 2 and above.

2. Regular fortnightly surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

3. Decentralisation of Laboratory service at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of blook smears and administration of radical treatment without any time lag.

4. Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in remote areas of the country to make available anti-malaria drugs to the fever cases.

5. To contain P. falciparum strain, a P. falciparum Containment Programme is functioning in the problem areas of the country.

Drugs for maternal and Child Health Programme

449. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs required for maternal and child programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is one of the National Health Programme;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that drugs required for this programme will be under price control as measures announced in December, 1986;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked to identify drugs required for National Health Programme; and

(e) if so, names of the drugs identified for maternal and Child Health Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drugs used in the National Maternal and Child Health Programmes are tablets and syrup containing Iron and folic acid and Vit. A solution.

(c) The list of drugs under the price control compiled by the department Chemicals is not an absolute one. It is being reviewed as and when required. The inclusion of drugs under question will be examined

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) This is under examination.

Expert Committee to identify irrational combination

450. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed an Expert Committee to identify irrational combination of drugs and hazardous drugs;

(b) if so, the names of drugs and combination of drugs identified for withdrawal;

(c) whether the Committee has completed the task;

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) if not, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) On the basis of the recommendation of the expert Committee and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, Government through various notifications has prohibited import|manufacture of 26 categories of drug formulations, which is given in the Statement (*See* below). This exercise of screening is a continuous process.

Statement

1. Amidopyrine.

2. Fixed dose combinations of Vitamins with anti-inflammatory agents and tranquillisers.